

PATENT 392

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ZE'EV DRORI

Serial Number: 07/094,395

Filed: September 8, 1987

For: ELECTRONICALLY PROGRAMMABLE

REMOTE CONTROL ACCESS SYSTEM)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REGARDING POTENTIAL INTERFERING SUBJECT MATTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

The assignee of the present application is Clifford Electronics, Inc., a manufacturer of products including vehicle security systems. The present application covers devices which are presently being marketed by Clifford Electronics, Inc.

Another competitive manufacturer of vehicle security systems is Code-Alarm, Inc. of Madison Heights, Michigan.

The assignee of the present invention has recently been advised by Code-Alarm, Inc., that Code-Alarm, Inc. is seeking patent protection on a competing product, that Code-Alarm's attorney has advised Code-Alarm, Inc. that it may obtain a patent which would cover the Clifford device and that, in fact, since Clifford Electronics is in the process of securing a similar patent, the parties (Clifford Electronics, Inc. and Code-Alarm, Inc.) may end up in an expensive Patent Office administrative proceeding (apparently an interference proceeding) to determine which company will eventually obtain the primary patent. A copy of the correspondence containing this information and dated December 2, 1988, from Rand W. Mueller, of Code-Alarm, Inc. to Clifford Electronics, Inc. is attached hereto.

The purpose of this Information Disclosure Statement is to call the attention of the Office to the possible existence of pending interfering subject matter with the claims of the present application. The identity of the inventor of the Code-Alarm, Inc. application is presently unknown to Clifford Electronics, Inc., but apparently the application is owned by Code-Alarm, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 27, 1988

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